



## CASUALTY ASSISTANCE



It is a fact of life that the military can be a dangerous profession. If there is an incident in which a soldier is injured, wounded, killed, or missing in action there are specific Army procedures in informing the spouse.

First, **do not listen to rumors**. If you hear a rumor that either your spouse or another soldier has been injured, wounded, killed, or missing in action immediately call the Rear Detachment.

Notification of minor injuries on a deployment will probably be made through the Family Readiness Group or from a direct call from your husband.

If your spouse is seriously injured or wounded, you will be notified by the chain of command in your husband's unit. Do not be fooled by phone calls from people claiming to be medical personnel informing you that your husband has been admitted to a certain hospital. Unfortunately, during deployments this trick is sometimes used to lure you from your home in order to rob you.

It is important to realize that a death notification will come from the command of your husband's unit. This notification will be in person. A soldier in uniform of equal or higher rank usually accompanied by a chaplain will come to your home. Notification will not come from any other source.

After notification of death, a Casualty Assistance Officer will be assigned to you in order to help you manage the benefits to which you are entitled. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The Casualty Assistance Officer is there to answer any questions you may have. If he can't answer your question, he will find an answer for you.

The Casualty Assistance Officer will help you make funeral arrangements. The Battalion Chaplain or Rear Detachment Chaplain will be there for your spiritual needs and can also assist in funeral arrangements.

The Red Cross can offer specific help in financial assistance concerning the funeral and assist in notification to other family members serving in the military.

The Army has a commitment in serving you in your time of need.